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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/088,153	<b>Applicant(s)</b> FUKASE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Len Tran	<b>Art Unit</b> 1725	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Len Tran.

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(2) May 21, 2004.

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Date of Interview: 21 May 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

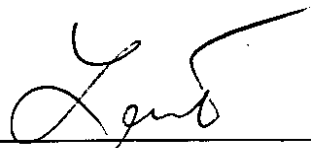
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant explains the difference between Fukase and applicant's invention regarding to the start-up having an initial gap and a greater gap during the outset of casting. However, Examiner is going to reconsider the argument.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required